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First, the Advisory Board to be given an official status, through legislation or otherwise ;

Second, the Advisory Board to be composed of representatives selected by the state game commissions or corresponding officials of states, with five additional members to be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture ;

Third, that the Advisory Board be called together each year for a thorough round-table consideration of all available data on migratory-bird conditions as a basis for establishment of seasons, bag limits and other restrictions each year.

WILDLIFE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Whereas the cooperative wildlife research and education program now in effect in nine states is sound and essential to wildlife management, now

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urge the Congress of the United States to provide funds for the establishment of such additional units as are necessary to serve adequately the various states.

PACIFIC COAST SARDINE FISHERY

Whereas the tremendous development of the sardine fishing industry of the Pacific Coast now puts this species in danger of depletion and

Whereas a portion of this industry operates as a floating reduction industry outside the territorial jurisdiction of the coast states, and

Whereas these floating plants are under no regulation as to season and bag ;

Now therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the Congress of the United States enact such legislation as is necessary to place these plants under the jurisdiction and regulation of the several states off whose shores they operate.

NON-MIGRATORY WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATION

Whereas the necessity for protecting National Forests against damage actually due to the presence of excessive numbers of game animals is recognized, nevertheless the commonly accepted theory is that the title to game and fish is vested in the several sovereign states held in trust for the people thereof, and

Whereas non-migratory wildlife is subject to lawful regulation only by the states in which it is found, and

Whereas there exists a dangerous tendency on the part of the Federal Government to attempt to usurp these inalienable rights,

Now therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we reaffirm our belief in the rights and ability of the several states to administer, regulate and control non-migratory wildlife ; and

Be it further resolved that this Association opposes any attempt by any Federal bureau or department of the United States to enter into the field of non-migratory wildlife administration, through regulations such as G-20-A promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture on March 29, 1934.

REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Whereas the Republic of Mexico has evidenced a real interest in conservation by sending an able representative, Senor Juan Zinser, Chief of the Department of Game, Republic of Mexico, to join in our deliberations, and

Whereas the Dominion of Canada has been joining with us for some time, thus making this Association truly international,

Now therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we express our delight and appreciation to the Republic of Mexico and its representative.

APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES

Whereas the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in its visit to Michigan has been graciously entertained, and

Whereas the members of the Association and their wives have been given every possible courtesy and have been given every possible assistance that might add to their comfort, and

Whereas this Association is desirous of expressing its appreciation ;

Therefore be it resolved that this Association extend its appreciation and thanks to the Michigan Department of Conservation, the management of the Pantlind Hotel, the press,